

We'll be ZOOMing our next Meeting

Time 7:00 PM November

10th (Wednesday)

ZOOM: meeting *****

Password: ***** There's

also a direct link to ZOOM

posted at:

[http: www.redxa.com/](http://www.redxa.com/)

Check your email for the "Meeting ID" and pass-word. You should have received an email with this information. If not, contact one of the club officers.



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Mee#ng Announcement

We're s(II Zooming, but the end is in sight.
November's mee(ng as usual.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTARY

We are all saddened about K6SRZ Alan's loss of his XYL Carol. REDXA sent flowers in sympathy.

We continue to look for an in-person meeting place. Bill, WX6B, had a good idea, since help is hard to find why don't we just consider leasing a room and get pizza or other carryout delivered. He is going to contact Boulevard Cafe to see if that is possible. We have not discussed issues about COVID, vaccinations, etc. so we can discuss at November Zoom meeting.

Here is the proposed slate for the elections:

President - Bill WX6B

VP - Roger N3RC

Treasurer- Fred N6YEU

Secretary- Roger N3RC

Board Members -

Josh, W6XU

Jim, K6JS

Appointments

Sunspots Editor -Saraj, KU6F

If anyone has any other nominees please let me know. We obviously did not have enough volunteers!

Some members went to Pacificon so they may be able to share their observations at the November Zoom meeting.

Since the Zoom meeting participation has been so sparse, I have not scheduled any more presentations, but we can talk about elections, frequency of meetings, in-person meetings, etc. at the November Zoom meeting.

One of the conditions that Bill WX6B feels strongly about is having quarterly meetings until COVID abates, sunspots increase, and participation increases. I see no reason we could not do monthly Zoom meetings without presentations and would support such an arrangement. If we get enough material Sunspots could continue monthly.

Nice to see the members continuing to work Fred N6YEU in his long RV trip.

In memory of Carol Eshleman, XYL to Alan, K6SRZ

Carol loved gardening and all things dogs. Here she is with a giant cabbage.



From Alan, K6SRZ

I want to send thanks to my friends in REDXA, MLDXCC, and NCCC for their expressions of sympathy on the death of my wife, Carol. This is an unhappy time for me. Your messages are a comfort.

Grief and mourning are forms of depression. One of the most common symptoms of depression is the loss of

interest in previously pleasurable activities—ham radio, for example. I've gone to the shack and made a few QSOs but, for now, the joy just isn't there. It will return, I know. This is why you aren't hearing K6SRZ in the contests and pileups.

I'll be back. I got my first license in 1956 and I'm not about to give up now.

I mention sympathy, but I should also mention empathy. I'm not the only one among you who has lost a partner. Carol and I were together for 55 years. It will take time to recover some balance in life, but with friends like you I surely will.

Many of you have asked if there were some way they could help. If a need arises, I won't hesitate to ask. For now, your friendship is how you are helping.

My sincere gratitude,

Alan, K6SRZ

REDXA Treasury report for October 31, 2021

Our treasurer is on the road, so we'll just leave the space open for an update next month.

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

by Doug WW6D, Secretary

The monthly meeting was held on Zoom October 13, 2021. Social hour began at 6:30 pm, hosted by President Roger Cooper, N3RC. Formal meeting began around 7 pm. During the meeting, 13 participants were noted.

Old business: none.

Program: Intro to "Parks On The Air" - POTA by Matt Heere, N3NWV.

Matt brought an enthusiastic "vibe" to the meeting. He explained the origins of the "Parks on the Air" program and how it continues to this day. This program has a large following. Our own club member Fred N6YEU has been busy with the program with many "activations" and as a "hunter". Check the webpage:

<https://pota.app>

and do a search on his call. Way to go Fred! For more information, check out the "FAQ" (frequently asked questions) page on the website.

New business: Minutes and Treasurer's report for September were approved as published in the Sunspots newsletter.

Roger noted that next month's meeting is scheduled to include the Election of Officers and Directors. He has formed a Nominating Committee headed up by Marilyn N6VAW. He also noted that Doug [your secretary] and Fred [your treasurer] would like to pass the baton onto someone else next year.

Please contact Marilyn if you have decided to step up and help out the club by becoming an officer / director.

Roger also acknowledged the hope of many of us to hold in-person meetings again, and the difficulty in finding a venue that would be acceptable, particularly in terms of how much a dinner costs plus room rental fees. Jim Selmi K6JS has searched and reported on the Groups.IO site regarding possibilities. There was also some discussion about meeting quarterly, meeting at a restaurant on weekends etc. However, with only 13 participants (including the guest speaker and other guests), discussion will continue next month.

Saraj KU6F was thanked for helping out with the Sunspots Newsletter due to Alan's family medical issues.

Roger ended the meeting saying that currently it looks like we're on Zoom for a while longer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events

by Doug WW6D

Nov 10 * REDXA Monthly Meeting (Election of Club Officers)

Dec 8 * REDXA Monthly Meeting



Boulevard Café & Grill

1096 Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma, CA

The Café is open again, including inside service. They're not able to host gatherings like our REDXA meetings yet but I encourage you to stop in for breakfast or lunch.

Please thank Daniel and his staff for their support over the past years.

REDXA's first place small club CQP plaque is prominently displayed here on the wall alongside plaques from other service clubs

We will continue Zoom meetings for the (me being; stand by.

